

Nebraska Planning Council on Developmental Disabilities

5-Year State Plan

2017-2021 Goals and Objectives

The Nebraska Council on Developmental Disabilities selected the following goals as their priorities over the next five years. Priorities were determined with input from self-advocates, family members, Regional Councils, and service providers.

Goal 1: Lifespan Transition

Improve transition across the lifespan of more individuals with intellectual and other developmental disabilities (I/DD) of diverse identities and their families.

- An increased number of individuals transitioning out of special education and their families will be provided with information to expand their knowledge of adult services and other community resources for adult living.
- An increased number of adults with I/DD and their aging families will be identified through outreach activities and provided with information to expand their knowledge of adult services and other community resources.
- An increased number of individuals with I/DD and their families will be provided with information to expand their knowledge and acquire skills for developing self-directed, person-centered plans.

Goal 2: Advocacy and Self-Determination

Improve advocacy, self-advocacy, and self-determination for more individuals with intellectual and other developmental disabilities (I/DD) of diverse identities and their families.

- Strengthen support for an increased number of self-advocates through leadership development and coalition participation by:
 - Supplying direct funding to People First of Nebraska for advocacy activities.
 - Supporting opportunities for individuals with I/DD who are considered leaders to provide leadership training to individuals with I/DD who may become leaders.
 - Supporting participation of self-advocates in cross-disability and culturally diverse leadership coalitions.
 - Supporting the development of a curriculum to be used statewide for the development of self-advocacy and self-determination skills.

- Advocate for positive systems change impacting the lives and health of individuals with I/DD of diverse identities and their families through active participation in: statewide advisory committees and cross-disability workgroups; public policy advocacy; cross-systems dialogue; and DD Network collaboration.

Goal 3: Employment

Influence systems change to provide increased opportunities for more individuals with intellectual and other developmental disabilities (I/DD) of diverse identities to pursue an employment path of their choice.

- Provide support to address barriers, advocate for, and expand opportunities for an increased number of individuals to participate in community integrated employment or entrepreneurship.
- Increase opportunities for self-advocates to share employment experiences and promote community integrated employment and entrepreneurship with peers and stakeholders.
- Provide access to benefits planning services for an increased number of service providers, individuals with intellectual and other developmental disabilities and their families to support the person's employment choices.

Goal 4: Community Inclusion

Increase community inclusion for individuals with intellectual and other developmental disabilities (I/DD) of diverse identities.

- Increase opportunities for community inclusion for individuals with I/DD.
- Expand and enhance respite care services throughout the state.
- Expand and enhance inclusive childcare opportunities throughout the state.